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Gavin calls for shelter in place in Iowa

Democrat Tricia Gavin vows to heed the voices of District 22 residents

WEST DES MOINES, IA -- “The response to the Covid-19 pandemic demonstrates the importance of having experienced leadership willing to take strong stands. My goal in running for Iowa Senate in District 22 was to bring strong leadership to this community. And it still is.”

Leadership doesn’t begin when I take office: it begins now.

Gavin said, “My experience in crisis management working with national government agencies has taught me that leaders need to be open with their constituents. For weeks, Governor Kim Reynolds has been on the defensive. Day after day, she talks about unseen “metrics” that she refuses to fully divulge. She says these “metrics” explain why she isn’t taking the advice of the Iowa Board of Medicine and governors in states already grappling with severe Covid-19 outbreaks. Similarly, exact figures on where Iowa stands on protective gear, ventilator supplies, expanding hospital beds and other important measures are not being shared with the public.

We can’t move forward together if we are not given specific information on our shortages. We can’t get ahead of a fast-moving virus if we are one of the last states to take precautions. Many District 22 residents whom I’ve talked to in recent days are worried, and want Iowa to join the states that are doing all they can to fight this epidemic.

“The Republican-led legislature has been silent as the days tick by and Iowans are basically told to wait and see what happens. We need a legislature that will provide a check on a governor who is unwilling to take action.”

This is why we need new voices in the Iowa Senate.

“I am running to right the wrong of privatizing Medicaid and to make sure all Iowans have access to affordable healthcare. I will work to bring back collective bargaining for teachers and state employees, help make unions stronger, and make sure small businesses get a fair shake as we rebuild our economy after this emergency. And, most of all, I will advocate for strong, decisive leadership in a crisis.”

About Tricia Gavin:

Gavin, who lives in West Des Moines, is a product marketing manager supporting credit unions. She grew up in eastern Iowa, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. She previously worked as Marketing Division Manager for Allstate Insurance, in business transformation at the U.S. Department of Defense, and in acquisition programs for the U.S. Coast Guard. She is a graduate of the Emerge Iowa training program for political candidates. For more information, visit www.triciagavinforsenate.com.